

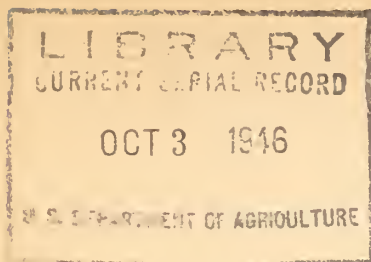
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
Washington 25, D. C.



FIELD MEMORANDUM No. 1117

Re: Service Policy on Farm
Woodlands

September 20, 1946

TO ALL RANKING FIELD OFFICERS:

It long has been the policy of the Soil Conservation Service to develop farm plans and to treat farmlands for complete and properly coordinated conservation by entire farms. This work covers the protection and proper use of all kinds of land: Croplands, woodlands, pastures, idle land, gullies, and Class VIII lands having no value for crop production, pasturage, or forestry.

To this end the following principles should be thoroughly understood by all Service personnel concerning our participation in farm woodland activities in soil conservation districts.

1. Service farm planners will continue to assist district farmers to plan their entire farms, including the woodlands since such lands are a part of the farm economy and in practically all cases influence the kind of control measures required on other parts of the farm.
2. In planning farm woodlands and fields retired to woodland as a part of the farm conservation plan, emphasis will be placed on essential conservation practices.
3. Soil Conservation Service technicians will continue to assist farmers in applying essential conservation practices on all the lands occurring on entire farms including woodland and land shifted to woodland use.
4. Soil Conservation Service personnel will point out to district governing bodies the desirability of their entering into cooperative arrangements with state forestry agencies in order to provide assistance to district cooperators in such problems as timber estimating, growth studies, and large-scale forest-management plans.
5. The Soil Conservation Service will continue to employ forestry specialists as needed to train farm planners in the planning and application of necessary conservation practices in farm woodlands and in the simple woodland management practices that will suffice on most farms and also to assist in handling the more technical woodland problems on farms of district cooperators if requested by the district governing bodies.

Chief

